

## CHURCH DELEGATES DEBATE ON STRIKES

Refuse to Act Against Steel Officials and Hear Plumb Explain Rail Bill.

### STUDYING LABOR'S NEEDS

Report to Be Made to International Conference to Be Held in Washington.

Two hundred delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada at the Industrial Conference of the Interchurch World Movement ended the two-day meeting at the Pennsylvania Hotel yesterday afternoon with a heated discussion of the steel corporation. The findings committee had recommended a resolution condemning the attitude of the steel officials and criticizing them for their stand of aloofness from the workers. No action was taken on the resolution.

This resolution, however, suggested by J. M. Glenn, chairman of the Russell Sage Foundation, was adopted.

"We recommend to the Industrial Relations Department of the Interchurch World Movement of North America that they make careful and thoroughgoing investigation of the strike in the steel industry and that the department make a report on the matter."

A pamphlet will be made of the minutes of the meeting and submitted to the Labor Conference, which will be held soon in Washington, as an official report of what the United Protestant churches of this country and Canada considered should be done in the present labor crisis. The delegates represented 200,000 churches, with a membership of 25,000,000.

### JOHNSTOWN FACES STRIKE

Union Organizer Says He Will Close Independent Mines.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 3.—Expressing dissatisfaction over the present strike situation, John J. Gillette, union organizer, today said: "We are going to unionize Johnstown." He stated that he proposed to call a strike of the miners employed at least thirty independent mines in and about Johnstown, because the operators had neglected to signify their recognition of the union.

He said a mass meeting of the miners had been called for Sunday afternoon, at which time they will pave the way and prepare the men for the proposed strike. This will include mines supplying houses in Johnstown.

### MORE CHICAGO MILLS GO ON

Wives of Strikers and Union Pickets Complain of Threats.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Operations were resumed in this district today by the Inland Steel Company, the Mark Manufacturing Company and the Calumet Portland Cement Company with about 4,000 men, according to reports. Since the strike was called Indiana Harbor's industries had been closed, and the leaders said today they knew that some unskilled workers had been smuggled into the plants, but that the mills still were unable to produce steel.

As on previous days a slight increase in activities since yesterday were apparent at Gary, South Chicago, Waukegan and Joliet. Few additional men returned to work at any of the plants, but more stacks were smoking. The steel companies said that 6,000 men were at work at Gary, 5,000 at South Chicago and 4,000 at Waukegan.

Complaints of threats were made by wives of both strikers and union pickets.

### WEIRTON PLANT TO RESUME

1,200 Men Now on Strike Decide to Go to Work.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. BRIDGEVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 3.—The plant of the Weirton Steel Company at Weirton, W. Va., employing about 1,200 men, will resume operations on Monday, according to the men, who have been on a strike. They say there is a general understanding to this effect. Company officials will make no statement.

### FOUNDERS DENOUNCE STRIKE

American Association Sends Resolutions to Kenyon.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—Departing from the policy forbidding discussion of labor problems the American Foundrymen's Association, in annual convention here today, adopted a resolution opposing the steel strike and declaring the walkout was brought about by "a foreign element and those who wish to overthrow the organized form of government of the United States."

### SHIPYARD STRIKE UNCHANGED

Unions Still Assert That 40,000 Men Are Idle.

With the labor unions asserting that 40,000 men are on strike in the shipyards of the North Atlantic district and the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders Association, placing the number of strikers at 2,500, the labor situation in the shipyards remained unchanged yesterday. At the headquarters of the Metal Trades Council, the administering body of the strikers, 22 Duane street, leaders stated that 40,000 men are out. They said a forty-four hour week and 25 per cent increase in pay was well.

## PITTSBURG SOVIET PLOT IS UNCOVERED

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result of the intensive campaign for the sale of the Liberty bonds carried on by the steel companies among their employees. All of the men arrested were working in the mills or at the furnaces. Like all the strikers they have much of their savings in the patriotic issues which the companies urged and helped them to buy. It is under just such a weird mixture of Americanism with more or less diluted Bolshevism—from the steel syndromes of Power to the mental distortions of the men who tried to work the Allegheny machinery—that the issues of the whole strike are clouded.

No more admirable example of this can be cited than the day's issue of the strikers' bulletin. After declaring that the local press is in the pay of the companies and that it is printing lies about the men returning to work it takes up the much used charges here that the strike is wholly the work of foreigners.

### The Workers' Statement.

Then it says: "America was established by people from Europe who sought freedom from oppression. It began with a Declaration of Independence. Independence was won by fighting for it. Then negro slavery grew up and after more fighting that was abolished. Then along came great industries with the big bosses at the heads of them and they have been trying to make wage slaves of their workers. They haven't succeeded. Union labor and the strike have prevented it. Except for Mr. Gary and the Steel Corporation the right of workmen in America to belong to labor unions and to bargain with their employers through union representatives of their own choosing is generally recognized. The United States recognized that right during the war. It is an American right and the strike is an American method recognized as constitutional and legal for improving the condition of workers."

"If you believe in freedom you have Americanism in your heart wherever you were born and whatever language you speak. You will make a good American if you are willing to fight for freedom by peaceful, legal methods. "The American Federation of Labor has grown to its tremendous size and won its enormous power by respecting the law. We shall win this fight by the same methods. All you have to do is to stick and obey the law. "Then we shall win some real freedom for steel workers and your foreigners will have taken a big step in their own Americanization."

### Fitzpatrick in Statement.

John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the organizing committee of the steel and iron workers and in charge of the strike here during the absence of Power in Washington, in his statement here to-night took up the same issue.

"It's the steel men themselves who are continually violating the law and the constitutional rights of the strikers," he said. "We have the right to develop our organization legally and lawfully and solely to terrorize the working people. The working people have been lawful and orderly. The arrests in large numbers throughout the district are solely to terrorize the working people. Fitzpatrick says he knows that the claims of the steel men with regard to retaining productive activity are false. "Freight movement into and out of the steel yards during the last week," he said, "has been only 15 per cent of normal."

The Cambria production has not been strained since it stopped making munitions and it is reported that the company is in shape to handle all orders at other plants unaffected by the strike. A feature of yesterday and today is the apparent gains of the steel makers in the outlying districts where the strikers for nearly two weeks have held complete sway. The officials no longer discuss their great main line at Homestead, Duquesne, Rankin, Bradock and McKeesport. They are talking of crews at work cleaning up the Ohio plants, the plants in the Shenango Valley and of record production at places they have hitherto alluded to as operating 100 per cent.

Nearly a thousand men, for instance, are reported to be at work cleaning up the big American Wire and Steel plant at Donora, whose closing was one of the strikers' most impressive early victories. At Clairton to-day's reports told of six of the blast furnaces in operation. From the Carnegie works at New Castle comes the story that 1,000 tons of steel were produced there during the last week. The production ever recorded for this plant before, according to the company, was a flat thousand tons.

### Workers Are Shifting.

Progress is reported from McKeesport, where sheet and tin mills are alleged to be gaining steadily and where the opening of the Port Vue plant is reported to have been particularly successful. Much of the labor responsible for these reopenings is described by the bosses as new in the neighborhood, indicating the movement from place to place in the district which the strike leaders admit to be so damaging to their cause.

From Sharon in the Shenango Valley, where rioting was responsible for the complete shutdown of the plants, comes the first admission of the strike organizers that there have been defections in their ranks. They charge it to intimidation on the part of the companies and the local authorities.

To-night's statement by a steel official who has hitherto measured the situation with fair accuracy was particularly optimistic.

"There is absolutely no foundation in fact for statements that the steel situation is at a standstill," he said.

### All Has Been Gain.

"Not for a single day since the strike was called in this district and utterly failed to close down steel making here, has there been a backward step. All has been gain. Some works have operated 100 per cent. throughout. Others which were hit by the withdrawal of foreign labor, commenced to recover ground the day following the calling of the strike and have gained slowly but irresistibly ever since. Other plants, closed down as a result of rioting during the first day of the strike, have since opened up and are operating at normal capacity."

Steel tonnage, which is the test of the situation, has been increasing with growing momentum every day since the walkout took place, until at this hour all our works in this district are operating close to normal. Facts to bear out this statement are available, but are not being furnished to the strike leaders. These latter know full well that they have lost out absolutely and finally and are clinging to misrepresentation and innuendo and absurd claims in the hopeless task of restraining their waning following from returning to work else finding themselves out of a job. "The steel companies are already cooing the welcome for the return of some of their skilled workers. Men who got big money as experts before the strike have been taken back and put to work shovelling clinders with the laborers."

### Came Back Too Late.

"The men had fair warning not to leave their jobs. They had fair warning that they would have to get back to

## CROWN PRINCE PAYS VISIT TO EX-KAISER

First Meeting Since Monarch Fled From Germany.

By the Associated Press.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Oct. 3.—The ex-Crown Prince of Germany arrived here this afternoon to visit with his father. His visit had not been announced and scarcely a villager saw his automobile as it came around the Burgomaster of Wieringen, accompanied by Frederick William, who, it is understood, will remain until Monday.

The visit of the ex-Crown Prince to Amerongen marks the first meeting since the monarch fled from Germany. The Associated Press correspondent learns there is no truth in the rumor that the wife of the ex-Crown Prince is living in secret at Baarn, eleven miles from Utrecht.

Prince Frederick William, who it was reported had requested permission to transfer his residence from Wieringen to Amerongen to be near his father and to live in a more agreeable climate, probably will remain throughout the winter in Wieringen.

### Recruiting Call to Germans Is Error

Publicity Bureau Head Signs Letter by Mistake.

A mistake on the part of the office charged with the preparation of similar appeals caused the dispatch on Thursday to Prof. William Braun of Columbia University of a letter requesting his cooperation in the efforts of the army recruiting service to "benefit the young men of Germany who have come and will come to this country to build a home and do business." I. T. Conrad, chief of the recruiting publicity bureau, who signed the letter, explained yesterday that it was one of some 400 identical letters addressed to persons and organizations who are prominent in Americanization work which he had signed without verifying the nationalities included.

He assumed, he stated yesterday, the letters had been prepared in the form and for nationalities in accordance with the plan adopted at a conference of the officers on duty at the bureau to emphasize the work of the recruit educational center in other places. The officers of the Cambria company are reported to have taken the stand that they will not attempt to reopen the plant until they can do so on a normal basis of employees. They have left town.

For the first time since the workers went out all of the departments of the Soong, Chalfant & Co. Inc. mills at Elma, employing over 2,500 workmen, were operating 100 per cent to-day. All of the striking workers received back their old jobs with the exception of the crane men and electricians, whose walk-out originally necessitated the closing down of the plant.

### MORE MEN BACK IN STEELTON.

Big Plant Nearing Normal. Officials Declare.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 3.—More men went back to work at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company than on any day since the strike against the company was launched, according to statements made at the offices of the company at Steelton to-day. Every department is in operation and production is rapidly getting back to the normal in several branches. Most of the strikers now appear to be foreigners. The strike committee declines to give figures, but denies all statements made at the offices of the company.

### Sharon Mills Open Monday.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

SHARON, Pa., Oct. 3.—The Farrell works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, one of the biggest tin mills in the country, will be in full operation Monday morning, it was announced to-day by Superintendent Daniel T. Haddock. This was stated after a conference with hundreds of employees who have been on strike.

### Youngstown Mills Reopen.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Oct. 3.—Operations will be started next week by independent steel mills which have been idle since September 22. Among those preparing to resume are the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Brier Hill Steel Company and Trumbull Steel Company.

### Tin Plate Mills to Reopen.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., Oct. 3.—Announcement to-night made to-night that preparations have been completed to put the Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania plants of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company in operation Monday morning. The plants have been down since the beginning of the strike two weeks ago.

### Austria to Expel Jews.

By the Associated Press.

VIENNA, Oct. 2 (delayed).—Placards have suddenly appeared in the city, signed by the German-Austrian anti-Semitic Association, calling for a mass meeting Sunday to voice a protest against the presence of large numbers of foreign Jews in the republic and to demand the expulsion of Rumanian and Galician Jews in order to make room for non-Jewish citizens.

## GERMAN SPY IN U. S. ARMY.

Enlistment of Aliens.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Germany's spy system extended into the United States Army before the war, Major Gen. William M. Black, chief of engineers, told the House Military Committee to-day in opposing enlistment of aliens. He cited the case of a German who enlisted in the Engineer Corps and subsequently returned to Germany. Representative James (Rep., Ill.) called attention to reports that the army recruiting service in New York was seeking to enlist Germans. "How can we take the Germans into our army since we are technically at war now with Germany?" asked Mr. James. "I don't understand how we can," answered Gen. Black.

### U. S. Employment Offices Close.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The United States employment service to-day notified its Federal directors to close the State Federal employment office October 10, because of lack of funds.

## HUNDRED ARE DEAD BY STORM IN SPAIN

Property Damage Estimated to Have Been \$2,000,000.

By the Associated Press.

MADRID, Oct. 3.—One hundred persons have been drowned and loss exceeding \$2,000,000 has been caused, it is estimated, by the floods in southeastern Spain and bad news continues to come in.

The city of Cartagena, where so many were drowned by the inundation of the lower part of the town, and thirty villages were still isolated by the floods Thursday night. Two fishing boats were wrecked in the Strait of Torrevieja, near Alicante, by the violent hail storm, by which also the roofs of a number of buildings were crushed in. Many small houses have been demolished and larger houses undermined.

In one region two huts in which eleven persons had taken refuge were carried away bodily by the torrent and all the inmates were drowned. At Alicante

large hailstones were pelted in some places to a depth of more than six feet, many houses collapsing under the weight.

## MINES CIRCLE GULF STREAM

Four Years to Make Journey, Says Prince Albert of Monaco.

PARIS, Oct. 3.—Stray mines from the European zone of war according to Prince Albert of Monaco, are performing a whirligig dance in the northern Atlantic, moving through the influence of the Gulf stream along the western coast of Europe, the Canary Islands, the West Indies and back to European waters.

Prince Albert, who is well known for his interest in maritime geography and physical conditions, reported in an address before the French Academy of Sciences this week that a considerable number of mines laid in the early part of the war had been traced in their circular course along the above described route, the journey having lasted four years.

He said these mines constitute a permanent danger along the course of the Gulf stream from the United States coast past Newfoundland, although the stream appears to protect the American coast itself.

## BRITISH PAGET REACHES BRAZIL

Yorke Assumes New Post.

By the Associated Press.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 3.—Sir Ralph Spencer Paget, the British Ambassador to Brazil, arrived here yesterday on board the British battleship Renown.

Sir Ralph Spencer Paget leaves the post of Minister to Denmark to take the Ambassadorship to Brazil. His most notable service in the British diplomatic field was in the Balkans as Minister to Serbia just before the war and as expert on the Balkans under the British delegation at the Peace Conference.

Lady Paget, who is a granddaughter of the late Mrs. Parson Stevens of New York, was engaged in Red Cross work in Serbia during the invasion, and was taken prisoner by the Bulgarians, afterwards engaging in hospital work behind the Bulgarian lines until released.



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